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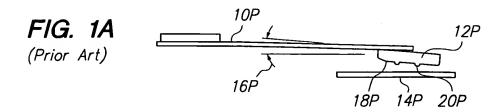
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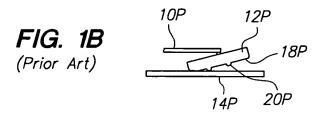
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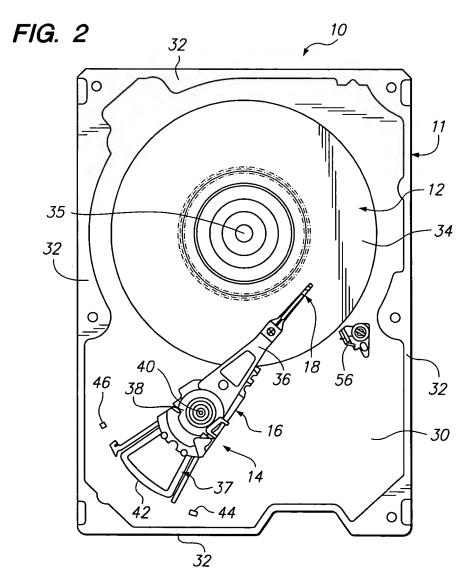
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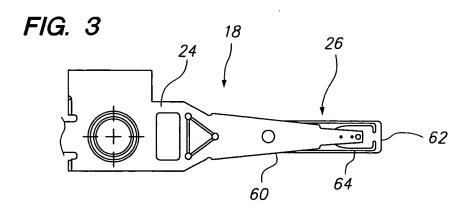












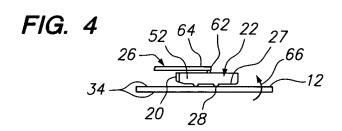
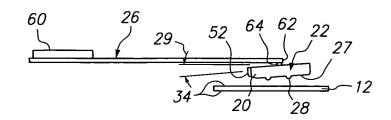


FIG. 5





Unstable Stiction -0.50 Max Stiction vs. Static Attitude PSA (deg) Stable Stiction -1.00 F1G. 6 6 5 2 2-Max Stiction (g)